

HOW THE NCAA WORKS:

Association-wide

While each NCAA division is empowered with setting its own rules and operating guidelines, some topics rise to a level affecting college sports as a whole and need a coordinated voice to guide the Association in a unified direction. For those situations, a group of committees comprising representatives from all three divisions makes recommendations that can impact the entire Association – whether a small, private Division III school or a national champion Football Bowl Subdivision program – equally.

The NCAA Board of Governors, the highest-ranking committee in the Association, implements policies by which all three divisions must abide. When the NCAA stopped allowing schools to host championships if their state governments displayed the Confederate flag, it was through a policy created by the Board of Governors.

Changes in legislation, however, require each division to take action. The Association-wide committees propose changes to the divisions, which then debate and vote on the proposals through their legislative processes. These committees explore issues impacting the health and safety of student-athletes or opportunities for women and minority groups in college sports.

NCAA Association-wide Committees, Descriptions and Members

